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Report Of Red Spies In U.S. Agencies Held Exaggerated

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Washington, March 2—Published reports that there are active Communist agents in all important American embassies and most Government departments are "greatly exaggerated," it was learned here today.

The alleged source of these reports—Michael Goleniewski, a Polish-born defector from the Soviet secret police — is well known here and has been funneling information to the Government since 1958.

Report On Money

He has provided information which has led to the arrest of important Red spies overseas.

But the information credited to him today and published prominently in a chain of newspapers in New York, Baltimore and elsewhere is not consistent with in-

formation given to the United States Government.

Goleniewski is reported to have charged that Communists have infiltrated all Government agencies except the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He is said to have declared that \$1,200,000 of Central Intelligence Agency money found its way from Vienna into the hands of Communists, including the Communist parties in Italy and the United States.

The defector also is said to have complained that he has tried to tell his story to the proper authorities but has been thwarted by amateurs and Stalinists.

Among other things, the reports published today charge that Goleniewski has knowledge of active Communist cells in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, took note of the newly published reports but stated only that "as a general practice we do not comment on intelligence matters."

The FBI's official spokesman declared only that "we have no comment."

At the State Department, a spokesman said: "We haven't anything to say on it. Not one word."

The Central Intelligence Agency gave out with the same: "Sorry, we have no comment."

And a staff member of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee indicated that agency was fully informed on the matter but was not talking.

United States intelligence agencies are known to be maintaining contact with Goleniewski today, and it is presumed that since he has been in touch with these agencies for more than six years, his field of knowledge has been pretty well canvassed.

Today's reports credit Goleniewski with providing the information that broke the "sex and secrets" case that involved Irwin S. Scarbeck, an official of the United States Embassy in Poland, in 1961.

The reports state that the former Soviet agent still has information that would touch off a major spy scandal.

Not Real Name

It is alleged also that he has been prevented from telling his story to the responsible authorities, and that the CIA has blocked his efforts to testify before congressional committees.

He is said to have named names.

Goleniewski is not the defector's real name.

He took that name in 1961 when he came to the United States with his wife from Poland.

He had contact with United States intelligence agencies in Poland from 1958 until 1961.

He is credited with providing a great deal of highly accurate information to the United States intelligence community—information which the FBI has checked thoroughly.

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